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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Government have sanctioned a recurring annual block grant of Rs. 10,000 from 1953–54 to this institution."

Raising of the full tank level of Rettanai Thangal in Gingee taluk.

* 220 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representation was received by the Collector of South Arcot from the ryots of Thenputhur village, Gingee taluk, against the raising of the full tank level of Rettanai Thangal in the month of December 1953 or January 1954; and

(b) the action taken on the representation by the Collector of South Arcot and the results of the action?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) Yes, Sir, in January 1954.

" (b) As the Full Tank Level of Rettanai Thangal has not been raised or proposed to be raised, the ryots were informed of the position at the half-yearly Irrigation Conference on 14th February 1954."

Prohibition of slow moving vehicles in certain roads in the City of Madras.

* 221 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri A. Ratnam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) the reasons for the order prohibiting slow moving transports (vehicles) in some of the prominent roads of the City of Madras from December 1953;

(b) what the roads covered by the scheme and their distance are;

(c) whether any representation was made to Government requesting the cancellation of the above order; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) By this restriction it was expected that traffic congestion at the peak hours on certain very busy parts in the City will be relieved to a very great extent.

" (b) The roads which are now covered by the scheme and their distance are as follows :—

(1) Mount Road from Government House Junction to Spencer's Round—about 1·1 mile.

(2) General Patters Road from Wellington Talkies up to its junction with Pycrofts Road near Clock Tower—0·5 mile.

(3) General Hospital Road from Fort Traffic Umbrella to the Western end of General Hospital Bridge—0·5 mile.

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" (c) Yes, Sir.

" (d) The Government have since withdrawn all restrictions in the afternoon period and have confined the morning restrictions to two hours only between 9 and 11 a.m. and to the few difficult places mentioned above instead of the seven roads previously notified."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know what the different categories are of slow moving vehicles that are contemplated? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Hand-carts laden with goods are one of the important categories."

Improvements to the villages of South Arcot under the Community Projects Scheme.

* 222 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri A. Ratnam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the improvements so far made in the villages of South Arcot district under the Community Projects Scheme; and

(b) the amount so far spent in the district?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) The preliminary work of Planning and preparation and setting up the necessary administrative machinery in the block has been completed. The survey of the block has been completed and the programme of work to be undertaken in the block area is being finalised.

" (b) About Rs. 5,500."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir, in a previous answer given on the floor of this House, it was asked why the Community Project Development was not implemented in the very backward area, namely, Gingee. Will the Hon. Minister consider whether he can shift these activities from Chidambaram or make another block of Gingee, as that is really a backward area? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I have already answered that these areas were chosen on the basis of adequacy of irrigation facilities that were available. Therefore, there is no question of shifting the Community Project work from the Chidambaram area to another taluk. I may also give the following further information for the benefit of hon. Members. Although the primary work of survey has been completed, we have already drawn up an overall programme costing about Rs. 11,26,000 for the area under various heads, such as (1) Irrigation including artesian wells, Rs. 3,51,000; (2) Communications, Rs. 38,000; (3) Culverts, Rs. 1,39,000; (4) Foot bridges, Rs. 66,000; (5) Draw wells, etc., Rs. 66,000; (6) Bathing ghats, repairs, etc., Rs. 14,000; (7) Health centres, Maternity centres, dispensaries, etc., Rs. 64,000; (8) Short-term loans, Rs. 2,40,000; (9) Education,